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REMARKS

In the "Reply After Final Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116," filed June 13, 2003, certain claims were amended, and claims 53-59 were added. However, the June 13th Reply has not been entered (see the Advisory Action dated June 25, 2003). The June 13th Reply remains not entered.

Pursuant to earlier discussions with the Examiner, Applicants submit this supplemental reply in response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments place all pending claims into condition for allowance.

Claims 1-12, 14, 18-19, 34, 39, 42-44 and 48-51 have been previously canceled. Claims 40-41, 45-47 and 53-60 are herein canceled. Claims 13, 24, 28 and 33 have been amended. Thus, claims 13, 15-17, 20-33, 35-38 and 52 are pending in the present application.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments because each amendment is supported by the present specification and/or original set of claims. For example, the amendments to claims 13 and 33 are obviously editorial in nature. These amendments are for clarification and are not narrowing in any respect. Thus, Applicants reserve the right to pursue any equivalent feature of these claims. With regard to claims 24 and 28, these claims have been amended to clarify that the extract obtained from *Murraya koenigii* is

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lyophilized (i.e., see the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the present specification).

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and that all outstanding rejections and issues are rendered moot. Further, Applicants' previous replies address the outstanding issues as stated in the Office Action and Advisory Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

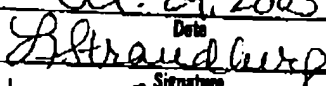
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